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No Change In Ownership Hotel

The Lac la Biche Hotel is the oldest and best known hotel in Northern Alberta and travellers have always received courtesy and the best of service there. No negotiations have been made for anyone else to buy this hotel. The hotel is owned by Lac la Biche Hotel Co. and W. Duban is the manager.

Lily Zinko Queen Of Mardi Gras Ball

LAC LA BICHE The Students' union held a successful Mardi Gras ball in the Memorial hall recently. Lily Zinko was crowned queen for collecting $187.00 worth of votes; Sonia Duban was second, with $124.00, and Adeline Stuparek third, with $113.00.

Each girl received a travelling bag. There was a large crowd and M. Maccango's orchestra furnished the music.

Junior Hockey

LAC LA BICHE — Rev. Green's Junior Hockey players, Red Wings and Maple Leafs played one game this week, in which the Red Wings defeated the Maple Leafs 4-1. The first score was by Don Miechetti, the other three by Gordon McCormick. Jimmy McCormick scored for the Maple Leafs.

The Bruins beat the Canadiens 2-1. Both scores for the Bruins were made by Arnold Miechetti. The one score for the Canadiens was made by Edgar Bouchier.

Police Court News

A well-known resident of Lac la Biche and Big Bay was found guilty and fined $30.00 and costs for fishing with gill nets which have mesh smaller than allowed by the law.

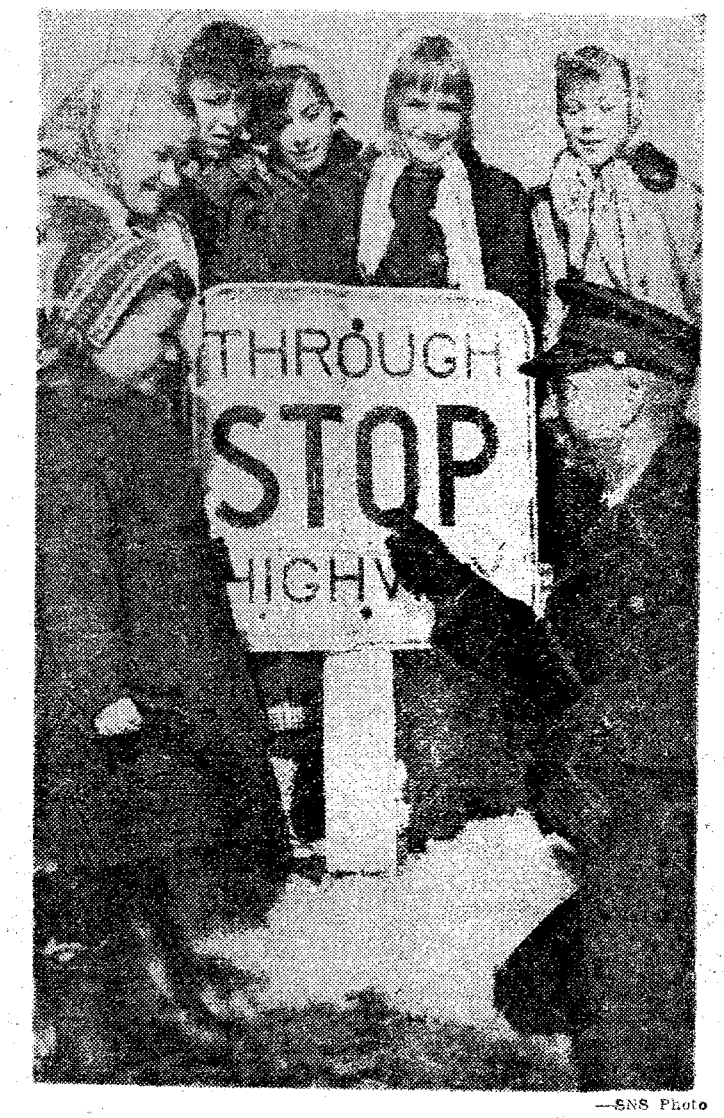
A resident of St. Paul was sentenced to 30 days in Fort Saskatchewan jail for supplying liquor to interdicts. Magistrate Franchuk pointed out the seriousness of the charge to the accused who was fined $20.00 and costs for being intoxicated.

New School For Grassland

A largely attended meeting was held in the Grassland Hall Monday afternoon. Principal speakers were Mr. Parr, chairman, Athabasca School Division; Mr. Gault, school superintendent, and Mr. McIntyre, secretary-treasurer. Promises were made that a new school building will be erected in Grassland this year. Walter Ilnicki, new trustee for the sub-division, was introduced to the ratepayers. Speeches of the three principal speakers were both interesting and informative.

A deputation from Frains, headed by Mr. Reynolds, was present.

Town Boasts Perfect Traffic Record



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Safety conscious Canadian communities could learn a lesson from the town of Tavistock in southwestern Ontario. Tavistock hasn't had a fatal accident in 11 years, and authorities are making it their business that this happy situation will continue. One accident-curbing method started by Police Chief Stanley Melbourne is a free car safety clinic. Last summer, 300 cars took advantage of the service and 75 per cent. were found deficient in brakes, lights, etc. One safety rule which Chief Melbourne, right, insists upon is that all children, as soon as they are old enough to toddle, become familiar with road rules.

"School Health" Is Topic H.S.A. Meeting

PLAMONDON — A Home and School meeting was held in the parish hall on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Mrs. S. Genond, district nurse, Grassland, gave an interesting talk on "School Health." Two films pertaining to that subject were also shown. Mrs. Joe Dakin resigned as president and Mrs. Leo Bourassa volunteered to take her place. A. Girard was nominated as secretary-treasurer.

A social and a program planning committee were also elected.

Attend Meetings

LAC LA BICHE — W. E. Coast and J. A. Booker of the Department of Lands and Forests, Lac la Biche, attended forest superintendent's meeting in Edmonton, Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

Teachers Win In Bonspiel

PLAMONDON—At a recent ATA curling bonspiel held in Lac la Biche, these local teachers returned home with awards: Mrs. Kay Gregoire was awarded first prize, and Miss Anne Blousky played with the team that captured third prize.

Four Generations In Slyvester Cardinal Family

CASLAN — Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cardinal, who are 73 and 69 years of age respectively, can be justly proud of their family which includes four generations.

They are old-timers in the Caslan district and many members of their immediate family reside in the vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal have 53 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Venice

Justo Vutti from Edmonton is now staying at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Erminia Macor.

Aurelian Gingras from Donatville spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Gingras.

Brian Macor was a patient in the St. Catherine's hospital recently.

Angelo Giacobbo, who is working at Grande Prairie was home visiting his family during the week-end.

REVEALING FACTS ON LAC LA BICHE ELEVATOR SHORTAGE

By HENRY THOMPSON

One grain elevator at Lac la Biche, after 26 years, still enjoys an uncompetitive monopoly in the business of buying farmers' grain. The limited storage space available and non - competitive buying is working an unnecessary hardship on farmers in this area and the surrounding supporting districts, all included in the J.D. where the town is the natural centre for provincial and local government agencies as well as school and land taxation offices.

The permit system of handling grain sales, where the applicant must designate the place of intended marketing as in a one-elevator town, means that he may not be able to sell any grain for several weeks and even months after threshing. Not only the farmer suffers but finds it difficult to get harvest help, as workers pass up such areas as they may have to wait months for their pay. Tradesmen in the town last year were forced on a strictly cash basis due to the uncertainty of receiving payment within reasonable time after threshing. All largely due to this bottle neck in the marketing of even the small grain quota allowed each farmer.

While many other areas are suffering from a shortage of box cars, we have a surplus of returning empties, due to the heavy shipments to the north country. Cars allocated to a one-elevator town are limited by distributing centres in ratio to their respective needs. A six-elevator point naturally receives a larger number. Your local agent can not obtain any extras, even if there are two dozen empties blocking the track, which is not unusual for Lac la Biche siding.

The Board of Trade and other organizations have sent delegations, petitions, and every other possible representation to company grain authorities without success, in an effort to secure additional elevator service, and are faced with a statement of figures for grain deliveries at Lac la Biche as insufficient to warrant another elevator. This may be a true record of past performance, **not because there is not enough grain grown in this area, but because deliveries are being made to other centres, where competitive buying is established.**

Lac la Biche area, because of this one-elevator situation, is forced to support roads and maintenance to outside delivery points, in that the lack of competitive buying depresses grades and prices received. Limited storage space delays sales and generally aggravates an irksome situation to workers, tradesmen and others depending on early payments from cash grain sales.

Limited storage space, naturally forces lesser divisions in grain grading. The man with the better-grade grain, unless delivery was possible in large quantities, is penalized to receive a lower grade when the bulk of the sales are of inferior quality, restricting storage in its many grade divisions to a bulk rating.

Proof is available to substantiate this statement: Barley graded No. 1 Feed at 67½c, graded 3CW for the same bin grain in another town where competitive buying paid 83½c per bushel, a price differential of 16c, less 1c extra for additional truck mileage: a net gain of 15c to the farmer. A choice of six elevators has the advantage of extra storage space where grades can be separated into special bins. Best road hauling conditions are during the frozen months, when heavier loads can be handled. Few farmers appear to know or take advantage of the laws governing the proper grading of grain submitted to a local elevator, if dissatisfied with the allotted grade but just move on to other points for better service.

The argument that there is insufficient grain delivered to Lac la Biche, in the face of these facts is completely erroneous. Twenty-six years ago company officials built another elevator on the ashes of the old destroyed by fire. Roads then were nearly impassable quagmires with very little land under cultivation. Today there is 90 per-cent more land cropped yet deliveries to this one-elevator town remain practically the same for the last ten years. Thousands of additional acres under cultivation and the rate increasing each year, with good gravelled highways lead-

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To Hold Bingo

The Canadian Legion of Lac la Biche is holding a Stainless Steel Ware Bingo in the Memorial hall on Feb. 23. The net proceeds are to be donated to the Canadian Legion Polio campaign.

24 Rinks In Round Robin

With two weeks left to play in the round robin event at Lac la Biche local competition, which includes 24 rinks, the standings as at Wednesday, Feb. 8, are as listed below. The winner of this round robin retains the C. H. Whitam Trophy for one year.

	W	L	Pts.
Martin	15	4	15
Richards	14	5	14
Klein	13	6	13
Badry	12	5	12
Harman	12	6	12
Bligh	12	6	12
Langevin	11	7	11
McMillan	11	7	11
Lore	11	7	11
Stubberfield	11	7	11
Myskiw	11	8	11
Konowalchuk	11	8	11
Steffin	10	9	10
Olstad	9	9	9
Raines	9	9	9
Smith	8	8	8
Cadzow	8	12	8
Hackman	7	11	7
Currie	6	11	6
S. Hamar	6	12	6
Stewart	5	12	5
M. Hamar	5	14	5
Brimsmead	3	15	3
Scheltens	2	16	2

Andersen-Grenier Exchange Vows

ATMORE — A quiet wedding was solemnized on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1956, when Miss Gabrielle Grenier and Laurence Andersen exchange vows.

The marriage lines were read by Rev. A. Noel in St. Philip's Church, Atmore.

After a reception for the newlyweds in the bride's paternal home, Mr. and Mrs. Andersen left for Edmonton and the groom's paternal home.

REEVE'S REPORT IN THIS ISSUE

The municipal office at Meanook sent to the printers the Reeve's report and Field Supervisor's report, to be printed with the annual financial statement. However, when the statements were ready for mailing it was found that these two reports had been left out.

However, the two reports are published this week in the Athabasca Advance and Lac la Biche Herald, the municipal papers, and will thus reach every resident ratepayer this week.

Mr. Aloisio, the Reeve, is very anxious that all ratepayers read these two reports before the annual meeting being held on Saturday afternoon of this week in Meanook.

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Plamondon

Mrs. Napoleon Gauthier slipped and fell on the icy road Saturday morning and suffered a fractured hip. She was transferred from the Lac la Biche Hospital to Edmonton on Sunday.

Mrs. Julie Ferriere also slipped and fell and fractured her wrist.

Mrs. Adele Harpe has moved from Lac la Biche to her daughter's home, Mrs. Wilfrid Dragon, in Plamondon.

A residential nurse, Miss Geraldine Ford, is expected here soon.

Miss Rita Schaub is employed in Edmonton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ayotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Berube of Beaumont were visiting at the home of Mr .and Mrs. Eugene Plamondon.

Rene Menard, who is employed at Canyon Creek, visited his family over the week-end.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Plamondon for their daughter, Phyllis, who celebrated her 10th birthday on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ouide Plamondon of Edmonton were week-end visitors.

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District Agricultural Notes

Clovers And Alfalfa Dependent On Cross Pollination For Fertilization

By J. S. LORE

There are many factors affecting clover seed yields — age of stand, soil, injurious insects, climate during growth, bloom and ripening, harvest methods, cross pollinating insects.

All the clovers and alfalfa are dependent (90%) on cross pollination for fertilization and seed setting.

The only useful cross pollinating agents are insects. Virtually all the cross pollination is done by bees—wild bees and honey bees.

Wild bee population depends on available nesting sites, spring food sources to build up populations, climate, predators, parasites and diseases.

Honey bee populations can be controlled as to density and placement.

Tests have shown on alsike:

	Colonies per acre	Yield per acre
(a)	3—plus wild bees	450 lbs.
	1—plus wild bees	370 lbs.
	½ plus wild bees	250 lbs.
	Only wild bees	30 lbs..
(b)	2—plus wild bees	450 lbs.
	Only wild bees	102 lbs.
(c)	1—plus wild bees	450 lbs.
	0—all bees excluded	24 lbs.

(d) Tests with altaswede have given similar results though seed yields usually seem to be less:

1 colony plus wild bees 375 lbs.
All bees excluded 23 lbs.

(e) Tests with sweet clover have shown very heavy yields with two colonies per acre producing 1200 lbs. of seed and where honey bees were absent, a yield of 350 lbs. per acre.

Even with clover seed prices compartively low, if the yield be high, the net return per acre can be reasonably attractive.

Dense growth or weed-infested fields, where blooms seem partly obscured do not generally have heavy set of ripe seed.

Most effective pollination can be obtained by a farmer arranging with a commercial beekeeper to place bees on his farm. It is not unusual for a beekeeper to charge $3.00 per hive for this service. Extra work is involved in such a service and the increase in yield of seed will certainly make it well worthwhile.

It is often impractical for a farmer to maintain the bees he would need for pollination. It requires special knowledge, considerable labor and an investment of something like $15.00 to $20.00 per hive. Where this can be undertaken by a seed grower it would, in the long run, be very profitable.

There are not enough colonies of bees available in some districts to provide optimum bee populations on clover seed fields. Beekeeping at present prices (15c per pound in bulk) could warrantably be encouraged either as a hobby, a part time or commercial undertaking.

Alfalfa is a special problem. Leaf cutter bees seem to be the most effective cross pollinators of alfalfa in Alberta. Honey bees, in the presence of other available sources of pollen for food will not work it to any extent. Both bumble bees and honey bees may work alfalfa for nectar. They can obtain this without tripping more than the occasional bloom.

In the absence of pollen for food from other sources honey bees will work, trip and cross pollinate alfalfa. Such a condition has not often so far been observed in Alberta. In some states concentrations of honey bees have been very successfully employed for alfalfa seed production.

Alfalfa fields surrounded by waste or undisturbed land, long, narrow fields with bush or prairie on either side, or limited areas around the perimeters of large fields, are likely to bear the heaviest seed yields. Cutting alfalfa hay and leaving small area for seed will concentrate the wild bees on the remaining acres and these often produce as much seed as would have been produced on a large field.

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Hylo

Mr and Mrs. John Coli mo'ored to Edmonton over the week-end.

Miss Lena Mahowich was a patient in the Lac la Biche Hospital recently.

Paul and Alex Mahowich visited their family in Hylo recently.

John Rosychuk returned from his work at Drayton Valley to spend a few days with his family.

Henry Michette and C. P. Warren left to work at Anzac.

The H.S.A. regular monthly meeting was held in the school on Feb. 9.

Mrs. Harold Holst from Noral was a recent visitor to Hylo.

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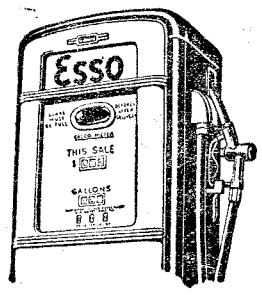

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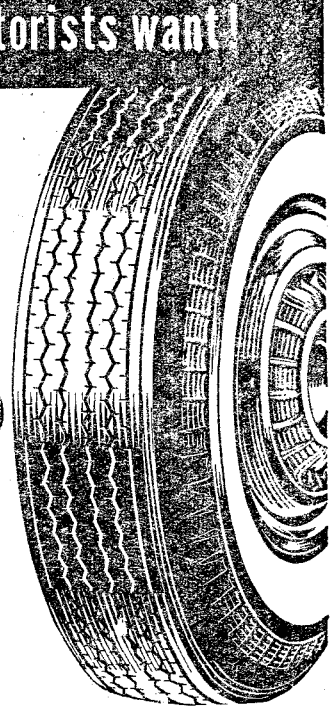
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May Be Harder To Now Get Good International Wheat Agreement

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask. — Great Britain will in all likelihood be one of the signatories to a renewed International Wheat Agreement, if forthcoming Geneva talks prove fruitful. This was the opinion expressed by Chris Hansen, president of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, in an address to a joint meeting of some 300 Alberta and Saskatchewan farm union members, here recently.

The S.F.U. president is a member of the advisory committee, who will accompany the Canadian delegation, leaving shortly for the talks in Switzerland.

"In my own thinking, it's going to be more difficult to get a wheat agreement than it has been in the past", he stated. Three chief considerations determining whether or not a new agreement is reached, he pointed out, are price, quantities under commitments and trem-length proposed. This will be the first time that wheat council discussion are to be held under the auspices of the United Nations and this in itself should provide a better atmosphere for negotiations, was his view.

According to his own observations, most importing countries will look to Great Britain for declaration of her position before they themselves will announce their stand. A heartening indication of what the British view might be, was contained in a policy announcement from the powerful National Farmers' Union, who, about a month ago, came out in support of I.W.A. renewal. Strong opposing influence, however, is being spread by the Liverpool Grain Exchange.

As farm union representative on the advisory committee, Mr. Hansen said he will be obliged to press the Canadian delegation to seek a price structure similar to that of the expiring agreement—$1.55 floor and $2.05 ceiling. "I don't think we can make concessions on the floor price; that is the only protection, we as producers have", he declared. Main price factor open then for bargaining would be the ceiling.

At least 50 per cent—and more desirably, two-thirds—of the world trade in wheat must be conducted within the International Wheat Agreement if it is to operate successfully, he felt.

As far as proposals expected from the United States delegation, he declared they were entirely "unpredictable" at this time.

Mr. Hansen estimated that since about 90 per cent of all current world wheat production is supported through national subsidies of one sort or another, it is inevitable that Canadian producers will eventually have to be subsidized also, if they are to continue competition in the world wheat markets.

Henry Young, vice-president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, spoke to the gathering on "The future of the Family Farm" and outlined the Alberta farm union's emergency policy currently being presented through a series of mass meetings over the province.

Mrs. Daisy Lund, S.F.U. women's president, was guest speaker at an evening banquet held in the basement of St. Anthony's Anglican Church. J. L. McLean, president of the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce, brought banquet greetings; and a brief address was heard from Clayton Reves, branch president of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Mrs. George Finlay, F.W.U.A. Director for district No. 7, was in charge of arrangements for the banquet and acted as master of ceremonies.

Coasting On Street Forbidden

FORT SASKATCHEWAN--Children coasting on local streets constitute a menace to traffic and a danger to themselves in the opinion of local police, who will enforce a town by-law prohibiting the practice, it has been announced here.

Coasting with sleighs or toboggans or towing sleighs behind vehicles will be forbidden on all roads and lanes open to regular traffic, and violators hereafter will be prosecuted. These practices have been becoming more common with the sustained cold weather.

Mountie Costs Jump In June

EDMONTON — Few Alberta towns will be affected by an RCMP offer to have their towns take over their own routine police tasks, leaving only criminal investigation work to the national police force, an RCMP officer in Edmonton said Monday.

Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the RCMP said in Ottawa that municipalities of 5,000 to 25,000 persons which have contracts with the RCMP for police duties will be offered the opportunity of employing their own police for routine duties.

He suggested this might offset to some extent the increased costs the towns will bear when the cost of employing RCMP constables is raised from 50 to 75 per cent in June.

The Edmonton officer said the proposal would apply to only three or four centres in Alberta including Red Deer and Camrose.

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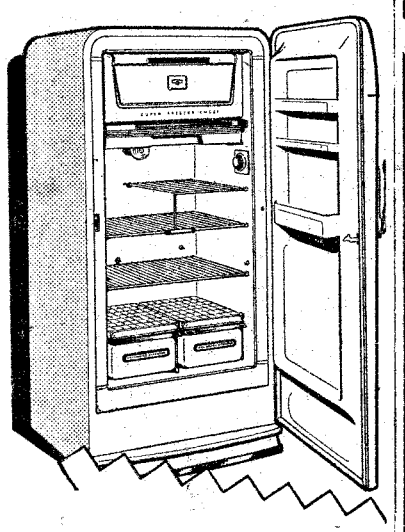
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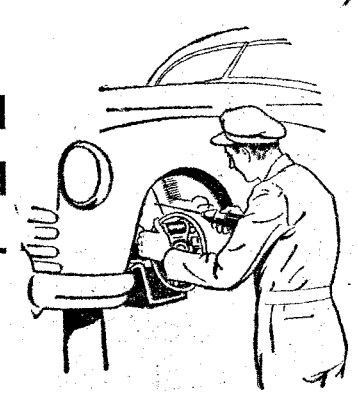
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EDITORIALS

"And What Is Writ Is Writ, Would It Were Worthier."—Byron

Three Top Leaders

When Sir Anthony Eden addressed a joint session of Parliament at Ottawa, nearly every member was in his seat and there was standing room only in the galleries. They expected something very special and were not disappointed. He said he appreciated the privilege of speaking to both Houses, as this was something he could not do at home (members of the House of Lords cannot be admitted to the Commons to hear a Government Leader). He had just come from a conference in Washington with President Eisenhower and although he imparted no secrets he did say: "There has never been so full a measure of agreement between our Governments".

He mentioned the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference to be held in London next May and spoke of our own Prime Minister as "the wisest of counsellors and most loyal of friends".

His closing words were prophetic and inspiring: "It is not given to many of us to look far into the future, but of this no one who observes your country from outside can doubt, a future, an almost unimaginably great future, is in your hands. I have no doubt that you will fashion it in a manner worthy of a great people. And so, I salute this Canada which commands the future as probably no other land in the world today. I salute you also as the standard-bearer of loyalty and a herald of good-will. And I wish you well."

We are fortunate indeed to have good and great men like Sir Anthony Eden, President Eisenhower and our own Prime Minister at the head of our great democracies.

The Ratepayers Meet

This is an important week-end in the affairs of local government in Alberta. The annual ratepayers' meetings will be convened in community halls all over the province so that the people can hear reports of the work their councillors have done and give their representatives an idea of what they want and expect of them.

This is democracy at its best. When every interested citizen who has a hand in paying taxes, no matter how small, can get up and speak his piece.

With the help of the municipal paper plan in so many districts of Alberta, ratepayers are now better able to assess the value of the work their councillors are doing for them. They get in their municipal paper news and minutes of all council meetings and not only know what is going on but often have a more understanding attitude towards the difficulties under which the men in the council have to work.

Most, but not all, ratepayers' meetings are being held on Saturday, Feb. 18. The Municipal District of Calgary holds its ratepayers' meeting on Friday, Feb. 17. In some districts where certain religious groups do not believe in doing business on Saturday (The Jewish Sabbath), the meeting is held over until Monday, Feb. 20. This is the case in Eagle M.D. where the meeting will be held Monday at Two Hills.

In the M.D. Provost, a preliminary meeting will be held in the eastern section at Provost on Friday, but the nominations and regular meeting will be held further west at Hughenden on Saturday. This is also the case in M.D. Minburn where the meeting takes place on Monday, in Minburn.

The elected council is not bound to go according to the wishes of the ratepayers as expressed at an annual meeting. But most councils do try to fulfill the wishes of the people.

An important part of the annual meeting is the taking of nominations for councillor in divisions where elections are due. Normally a councillor comes up for re-election every three years. But in some cases councillors are this year having to seek re-election due to formation of newly organized counties and municipal districts last year after only one year's tenure of office.

Sign in Kinuso Cafe, Kinuso: Eat here if it kills you. We need the money.

Full Moons In 1956

Although the moon is a common topic among fishermen, lovers and many others, little is actually known about this great planet, and even less about its appearance on the earth. The reader might, therefore, be interested in a few facts on the moon, and its performance, in 1956.

There will be twelve full moons this year. Contrary to what most people believe, the moon is not full just once a month but, on rare occasions, there are two full moons in one month. This happened in October of last year, when, on October 1st and 31st, there were full moons. This year, however, that rarity will not occur.

The first full moon of the year took place on January 27th. The last full moon of the year will occur on December 17th and, therefore, it will be seen that the period between full moons is slightly less than a month.

As an example of the spacing between full moons, the first on January 27th, is followed by the 2nd on February 25th, and by the third on March 26th (February has 29 days this year), and by the fourth on April 24th.

The full moon in May comes on the 24th, drops back to the 23rd in June and back to the 22nd in July and the 21st in August. In September and October, it occurs on the 19th, but in November it drops back to the 18th and in December, falls on the 17th.

Thus, in all the year, the full moon arrives ten days earlier at the last of the year than it did at the first. This means that it will be 1958 before another month occurs in which there are two full moons. As a further guide, one can remember that the time between a new moon and its first quarter, and between a quarter and a full moon, is slightly over seven days. Thus the time between the appearance of a new moon and its last quarter is about twenty-two days.

Where There's A Will

From the Calgary Albertan

Some truck dealers and several other types of merchants on the prairies are taking grain in trade. This provides the farmers with an outlet for their grain that otherwise they wouldn't have. The merchants usually dispose of it to livestock feeders.

A hardware company at Alliance in East Central Alberta has expanded the idea. It has a good deal of money out among the district farmers and takes either cattle or grain in payment of bills. It has set up a feed lot near town and feeds the grain to the cattle. By spring it will have fat cattle for market and will cash in on its enterprise. It is taking a chance, of course, on the market not skidding further, but at least it will get a good deal of cash that otherwise it might have to wait years for.

So bartering has its limitations, of course. It will not go very far towards solving the essential farm problem. But it helps.

Ingenuity of that kind is to be expected on the prairies. Let's have more of it.

Spiritual Maturity

There is, says a modern preacher, a great deal of difference between growth and mere enlargement. Boys at their play in the wintertime often take a snowball, and, rolling it in the snow, watch it becoming larger and larger, until one boy says, "See, it is growing." It is not really growing, but simply enlarging by accretions from without. Growth means development from within.

Moving pictures of the life of a flower, show it from its earliest stages to its glorious maturity. Literally hundreds of photographs are necessary to attain this effect. Even the keenest eye would probably see no difference between one photograph and the one that immediately followed. But that there is a slight difference the film proves, for it reveals the entire process of growth. Growth in the spiritual life is often painfully slow, but that does not mean that it is not real.

In the realm of the spiritual there can be no standing still. Dissatisfatcion may be a healthy sign, for it is ever true that:

"They who fain would serve Thee best
Are conscious most of wrong within."

The Bible Today

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.—Exodus 10:22.

Voice Of The People

Readers are invited to make free expression of opinions on any subject. Letters should be short and concise. The Editor reserves the right to condense or reject any letter.

MILLIONAIRES AT FALLIS

I have just finished reading in your latest edition, the article headed "Alberta Town With All Hell For A Basement", and I am just wondering what sort of an impression it's giving to people outside this province.

Here is a province making untold millions out of oil. The inhabitants lazily rise from their lazy-boy chairs, nonchalantly clip a few coupons and gently ease themselves into their Rolls Royces. Gliding away to some convenient night-spot, they travel over roads that the government's millions have built.

Another beautiful picture is the town of Drayton Valley, the centre of Canada's largest oil field, and located in the Stony Plain School Division. Its rapid growth and development has brought about the need for a 12-room school to accommodate the increased school population. One would expect the government to contribute toward the erection of this school when they are receiving such large revenue from oil royalties from the area.

It was indeed ironical when the school trustees had to ask the ratepayers' permission to borrow $150,000 to build this new school. Did you ever hear anything like it, and as for roads, just ask any farmer in this area, if you would like to hear an answer that is unprintable.

However, as we are all millionaires, what does a mere $150,000 matter, especially to people who can just manage to pay their own taxes every year? I wish that this letter could receive as much outside publicity as your article, which was apparently written by an outsider for outside consumption.

PERPLEXED

Fallis.

MOTOR GRADERS OR CARS

Many ratepayers wonder why our roads are not graded in the summer or plowed in the winter. From my point of view, there are two main reasons: one is lack of money, and the other is high cost of operation.

One councillor explained to me that roads are not graded because the ratepayers have not paid their taxes. This answer seems rather foolish, when we all know that the budget was set up in April, and at a time they had not even sent the tax notices out. Money is borrowed from the bank for the year's expenses and is later repaid out of our taxes and from the grant, which is allotted by the government.

I don't think it matters very much if our taxes are paid in June or September, as long as they are paid. It costs money to maintain roads, but the condition of our roads last summer cannot be excused on the grounds that our taxes weren't paid.

Nine years ago, we had one grader for snowplowing and two graders for grading. Today, we have four graders for snowplowing, that can't do the job that one did nine years ago.

One may wonder how a motor grader can cover 20 miles of road a day. If they would lower their blade and do a bit of grading they would cover less miles, but would do a lot more good for our roads. If they are going to operate the $27,000 machines like they were cars, it would be far better to buy a new automobile, because it would be a lot less expensive to operate.

If any ratepayer denies this, I would like to hear from him at the annual meeting, or read his explanation. As for myself, I do not expect miracles, but at least hope to get my money's worth.

A RATEPAYER

M.D. of Eagle.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Adopting the principle of "Equal Opportunity", seemed to be the central theme of the divisional report for the Smoky Lake School Division. However, the board allows teachers to drive school buses and tinker around with them during school hours. Have the children in this school an equal opportunity with others, to receive proper education?

Buses are permitted to go off the regular route to pick up certain children, while others have to walk long distances to the bus corner. Is this "Equal Opportunity"?

Leaving home at 7 a.m. and arriving back at 6 p.m. is another "Equal Opportunity" which you and I have missed, but is one I do not envy.

This slogan was created so that the ratepayers would approve a money by-law for a $550,000 building program. When so many people have lost their property in tax sales, because they could not pay the high tax levy, the new by-law would only mean that many more would be faced with the same situation.

DISGUESTED

Hamlin.

ONE MAN'S VIEWPOINT

Recently I heard a farmer member tell what he thought of the FUA. He said he would cease to pay union dues.

If I had my way there would be compulsory payment of Union Farmers' dues, just as there are compulsory labor dues payments. The labor union gets $40.00 per year, all we need is $10.00 per year. But without the help of every member we can't make it work.

Some farmer says "every little bit helps". I say if it isn't enough, it's no good at all. It's a waste of time and money and I'll be one of those delinquent members until things are changed.

Unity is strength. If the Farmers' Union had a full house conditions would improve and we might even be able to exchange our 18-hour day and 7-day work week with labor's 40-hour week.

As it stands now, we haven't the cohesion of the labor unions. They meet every day. They all pay dues. They get higher and higher wages with shorter and shorter hours. They are forcing us — the disorganized farmer — to accept longer hours, lower wages and lower standards of living conditions.

L. P. Y.

Derwent, Alta.

APPRECIATION

Just arrived home here in Amisk, after 16 month's absence, see the "Record" has run out. Please find $2.00 enclosed, to renew the paper to the same address.

I should also add this, that many times I feel I should have written the Editor to thank him for the many fine things in the paper, the editorials, the very fine articles, and the space and prominence given to the Gospel message, which is the Salt of the earth. God bless you, sir! You have great channels of service through your papers, and I am happy for the many times you have directed your readers to the higher and better things of life, pointing to the Bible, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

RUDOLPH JACOBSON, Pastor.

Amisk.

FOR SIMPLIFIED DATES

A calendar easy to remember would be one with 30 days in each month, except November and December. These two would have 32 days each. And every six years an additional seven days could be added to December, to equal the solar year. This calendar would begin on a Sunday and would be perpetually repeated.

LOUIS BERGER.

Message To Ratepayer-Subscribers

OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ATHABASCA

By T. W. PUE

For four years it has been our privilege to serve the resident ratepayers with weekly editions of our papers. Under an arrangement made four years ago this week, every resident ratepayer is on our subscription list. We publish news and notices of the Municipal District free of charge. We publish minutes of council meetings WITHIN ONE WEEK after receiving them from the Municipal office.

The only cost for this service is $1.00 per year for each subscription, which is half the regular subscription rate. The Municipal office pays us quarterly out of the general funds of the municipality.

T. W. PUE

To start with, the Council had the right to put the Municipal Paper Plan into effect without referring it to the ratepayers. However, at the first annual meeting after the plan was instituted on a free-trial basis, it was approved by a unanimous vote of the ratepayers assembled.

There was no need to bring the matter to the attention of another ratepayers' meeting, but last year the question was again put to a vote and approved again by an overwhelming majority.

Last November one of the councillors moved cancellation of the contract with the paper for economy reasons, and the motion carried on a split vote. At a later council meeting an attempt was made to give the contract for the paper to the Athabasca Echo. It seems certain, therefore, that economy is not the true reason for wanting the distribution of our papers discontinued in the Municipal District of Athabasca,

Whatever it is—and no specific complaint has yet been made by the council—I am certain the majority of ratepayers want the paper continued. Nearly 90% of you have signed cards specifically ordering the paper to be sent to you under the Municipal Paper Plan.

At the annual ratepayers' meeting at Meanook, I hope you will again endorse the Municipal paper by an overwhelming vote in favor. To most families in Athabasca M.D. it is the only means of knowing what is going on in municipal as well as social affairs.

Four years ago the Athabasca Echo absolutely refused to serve the municipality under the Municipal Paper Plan. But we are not selfish nor vindictive and if the Echo now wishes to participate we have no objection. The council can easily make arrangements for anyone to switch their subscription from this paper to the Echo, but it should be left to the individual choice of each ratepayer-subscriber.

I regret that I will not be able to attend Saturday's meeting in Meanook. But my travelling representative, Mr. Svarich will be on hand to answer any questions that may arise during discussion of the Municipal Paper Plan.

Thanks for your loyal support of our publishing efforts in the past.

Sincerely yours,
T. W. PUE—Editor and Publisher.

Plamondon

The annual school meeting was held in the Plamondon School on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The Calf Club held a very successful bingo and card party in the community hall on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Plamondon spent last Sunday visiting her parents in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dowhaniuk and Mr. and Mrs. A. Stupak visited relatives in Colinton on Saturday.

The following persons required treatment in the St. Catherine's Hospital during the past week: Mrs. R. Plamondon, Danny Dubi, Mrs. W. Beaudet, and Mrs. A. Bourassa.

Miss Vina Gauthier is employed at St. Catherine's Hospital in Lac la Biche.

The following people spent the week-end in the city doing their shopping and attending the Ice Capade Show: Arthur Girard, Emily Plamondon, Anne Blonsky, Cecile Bouvier and Mrs. K. Gregoire.

Business visitors to Edmonton during the week were Mrs. Florida Menard and Mrs. Alcide Plamondon.

With Your District Home Economist

By DORIS MONTALBETTI

No More Peas, Please!

I've had the pleasure of dining with a good many of you in the last three months. And you know I've always enjoyed a good serving of peas and carrots even in the darkest hour. But honestly, this enjoyment is dimming fast. Every place I've eaten the meal has been graced with that trusty old pair of standbys. One would almost think they were the only two vegetables grown here. Didn't anyone ever hear of: green or yellow beans, corn, squash, celery, turnips, beets, asparagus, parsnips, cauliflower or cabbage. You know these can be prepared for party, or even banquet fare.

And how about combinations: have you ever mashed turnips and carrots together, a delightful French Canadian combination, takes away that strong turnip flavor. Or slicing your carrots in strips and adding onion rings. How about a kernel corn, and green bean combination for more variety and some yellow beans, celery and diced carrots (and a few green peas!)

Did you ever serve a nippy cheese sauce with cabbage wedges? I'm sure you've all tried Harvard beets, and cauliflower with grated yellow cheese or baked pepper squash or vegetable marrow. All it takes is a bit more thought and planning. Don't let's get into a rut and have the men say we're confirmed unmaginative cooks.

For more ideas write for the free booklet, "Vegetables Make the Home Plate", from your district home economist at Westlock, Alta.

Lac la Biche

Miss Denise Richards spent a few days in Edmoton, visiting relatives and friends.

Bob Cel's lumber mill has been shut down recently, due to a dead magneto.

The local fire department has started organizing the layout for the Northern Alberta Hose Rolling and Hose Coupling competitions, to be held at Lac la Biche, in June of this year.

A well attended birthday party for Miss Alva Franchuk was held on Feb. 4, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Franchuk.

Joanne Hammar is in the University Hospital, Edmonton, receiving medical treatment.

Martin Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Klein, is in the Army, and stationed at Calgary.

An Athabasca ladies' rink and two men's rinks visited the Lac la Biche Curling Club, Thursday, Feb. 9. The ladies won their games. The men played three games, Athabasca won 2 and Lac la Biche, 1 game.

The Ladies' Aid will hold a Valentine Tea and Bake Sale this week at Mawson's Propane Store.

Mrs. T. Lett has been ill recently.

All breads are nutritious—but no one can duplicate the "home-baked flavor" of our bread.

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LAC LA BICHE Alberta

Hockey News

GRASSLAND — The hockey enthusiasts of Grassland School displayed their skill last Wednesday, when two teams, selected by Mr. MacNeil, referee, challenged each other. The victorious team won by a score of 3-0. Bill Mears scored two goals and Eddy Luchko scored the other winning goal.

All in all, the boys did their best in their respective positions on the ice. Everyone agreed that most of the boys showed great promise for the organization of a good hockey team.

Due to the slushy condition of the ice, the rink has not been in use the last few days.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ATHABASCA

REEVE'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Ratepayers of The Municipal District of Athabasca No. 103.

We have again come to the time when we take pleasure in having a few words with all of you. I should perhaps start by saying that the council appreciates very much, the co-operation, which we have received from most of you.

Although the financial conditions of the farm population has suffered a set-back, that is causing a great deal of concern to all the administrative bodies in this country of ours, you have come to the help of your council by paying a greater percentage of your taxes this year than we ever dreamed possible. Because of this, and because of the increased help from the Provincial Government, we might be able to weather the storm, and come out at the end not too badly.

We have made a great deal of progress in the last few years, both in the Municipal Assistance Grant, road building grants and hospital grants, that we receive from the Provincial Government, but the demand for services has far surpassed the increase in revenue. Every year sees more school buses added to our school system, necessitating better roads, better maintenance and more snowplowing.

The demand for better hospital services will perhaps result in greater expenditure.

The council is quite cognizant of the fact that no more revenue can be derived from taxation on real property, especially since the price of farm products has dropped so drastically. The only other source of revenue is more help from the two senior governments, both Federal and Provincial.

It is my belief that the Federal Government should assume some of the cost of education and hospitalization, thus relieving the Provincial Government of some of the costs, and they on their part, should come to the help of the municipality with more generous grants for municipal purposes.

One of the things that would help this district a lot, would be if we could get equalization introduced into the road grants paid by the Provincial Government. I do not think it would be hard to convince the government, if we can convince the Municipal Association.

Snow drifting this year has already caused a great deal of discomfort to lots of our people, besides costing the council a considerable sum of mney. Since it would take many years to build the type of roads that would not drift, the only alternative would be for every farmer to leave some trees as a shelter belt, far enough back, so that they would hold the snow before getting to the road. It is my belief that we are actually buying that strip of land every two or three years, in the cost of snow plowing. There are people who advocate snow fences. Snow fences would help, and perhaps the council will give it a limited trial, but snow fences cost quite a lot of money to buy, and then there is the cost of putting them up in the fall, and taking them down in the spring; a costly business for a municipality, which needs every penny to build the few miles of road that we are building every year.

You may note that the total tax levy for 1955 is $829.06 less than the 1954 levy, but the collection of taxes is much better than 1954. Out of a levy of $273,044.76 in 1954, we collected $92.581.28 or 33.9%. On the other hand, we levied $272,215.70 in 1955, and collected $121,065.23 or 44.4% of the current levy. The total revenue of the municipal district for the year 1955, is $445.590.15, made up as follows: Collected from taxation $280.622.31; Provincial Grants, $125,242.76; other sources, $39,-725.08. The total expenditure was $413,675.72; of which we payed the schools $84,260.71; the hospitals $18,516..66; Administration $20,862.10; Social Welfare $10,820.07; Public Works $216,022.96 and others $63,193.00.

In 1955 we made an addition to our road building machinery, of two second-hand motor graders, one second-hand D8 Cat tractor with dozer and bucket, and a pull grader, bought at a cost of $21,275.00.

In conclusion, I want to thank all the people for their co-operation; the school and hospital for their sympathetic understanding of our difficulties, and to the office staff, who are carrying the work of the M.D., sometimes under strenuous conditions, but always courteous; I extend the gratitude of all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
A. ALOISIO, Reeve.

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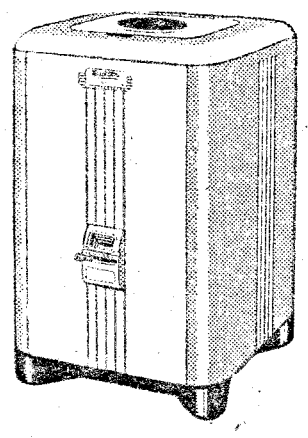

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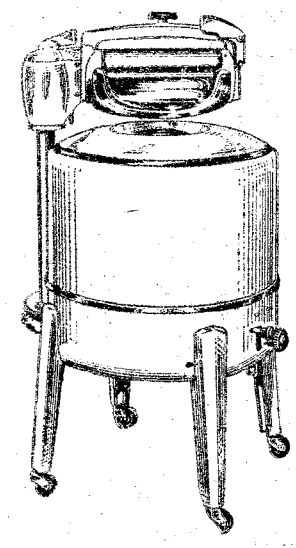

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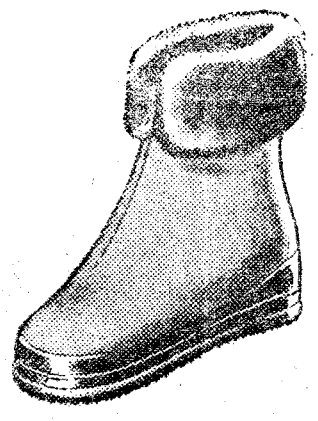

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Old Trail

Mr. B. J. O'Regan, who is teaching at mile 151, visited Paul Parranto, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dragon and the Bourassa's over the weekend.

On Friday, Feb. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dragon held a dance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bourassa and Mr. Wilfred Bourassa. Pat Frederick, Adolphus Powder, also Peter Cardinal and Joe Johnston of the Coyote Trail Band, played for the 42 guests.

The Bouvier boys have gone fishing again.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Powder last Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Frederick, Mrs. G. Lavoueur, Mrs. Stratton and a few young people.

Evelyn Stratton is in the Lac la Biche Hospital.

Adolphus Powder left Feb. 18, for the north, where he will be employed.

The Bourossa's have moved their saw mill to Mr. O'Regan's place and will be sawing logs for Mr. O'Regan and Mr. Parranto.

Stella Sawchuk is now home from the hospital.

Ed Smith has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pat Frederick.

On Jan. 31, the government grader pushed the snow off the road to the school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Diesel visited their daughter, Mrs. Bertha Sawchuk, at Old Trail School.

Roderick Frederick is recovering from a back injury.

Mrs. Paul Parranto has gone to Lac la Biche for a two week's rest. Helen is staying home while her mother is away.

Frank Frederick has returned from fishing at Pinehurst.

Lorette Bouvier has been transferred to Plamondon School.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frederick have returned home with a new baby boy, Clarence Junior.

Egg Lake

Luc Dionne, Sr. is slowly recovering from a recent illness at the home of his daughter in Edmonton.

Mrs. Luc Dionne and daughter, Yvonne, who now live in Lac la Biche, were visitors in Camrose and Edmonton recently.

Olga Dragon, who has been in hospital, has not yet returned to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lebeuf, who spent the last few weeks in Edmonton, have returned home.

Mrs. L. G. Amiot made a trip to Edmonton recently.

Egg Lake and Berny residents are grateful to the Department of Public Works for having the roads cleared of snow. The vans and the mail can now pass without trouble. The first bulldozer broke down before the job was finished, but the department sent another one to finish the job. It is the first time in years that the roads here were cleared of snow.

Spruce Valley

The veterinarian was in the district vaccinating calves against Bang's disease.

Stan Kanarek made a business trip to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryl were at Athabasca Saturday.

Mrs. Caroline Zilinski has returned from Edmonton where she planned to attend his sister-in-law's funeral.

Ernie Homeniuk, who at present is going to university at Edmonton, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Obertowich of Edmonton were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ryl, on Sunday.

Miss Ann Bereziuk and her fiance from Edmonton were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Berexiuk.

Peter Koltowski made a business trip to Edmonton. Nick Zilinski and Fred Ryl were also visitors to Edmonton.

Keith McCauley is employed at Bunner Mines, Sask.

Victoria Bizor has taken ill for a few days. Also on the sick list is Larry Maheden.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maheden were surprised by a baby shower for their little son, Ernest Clarence.

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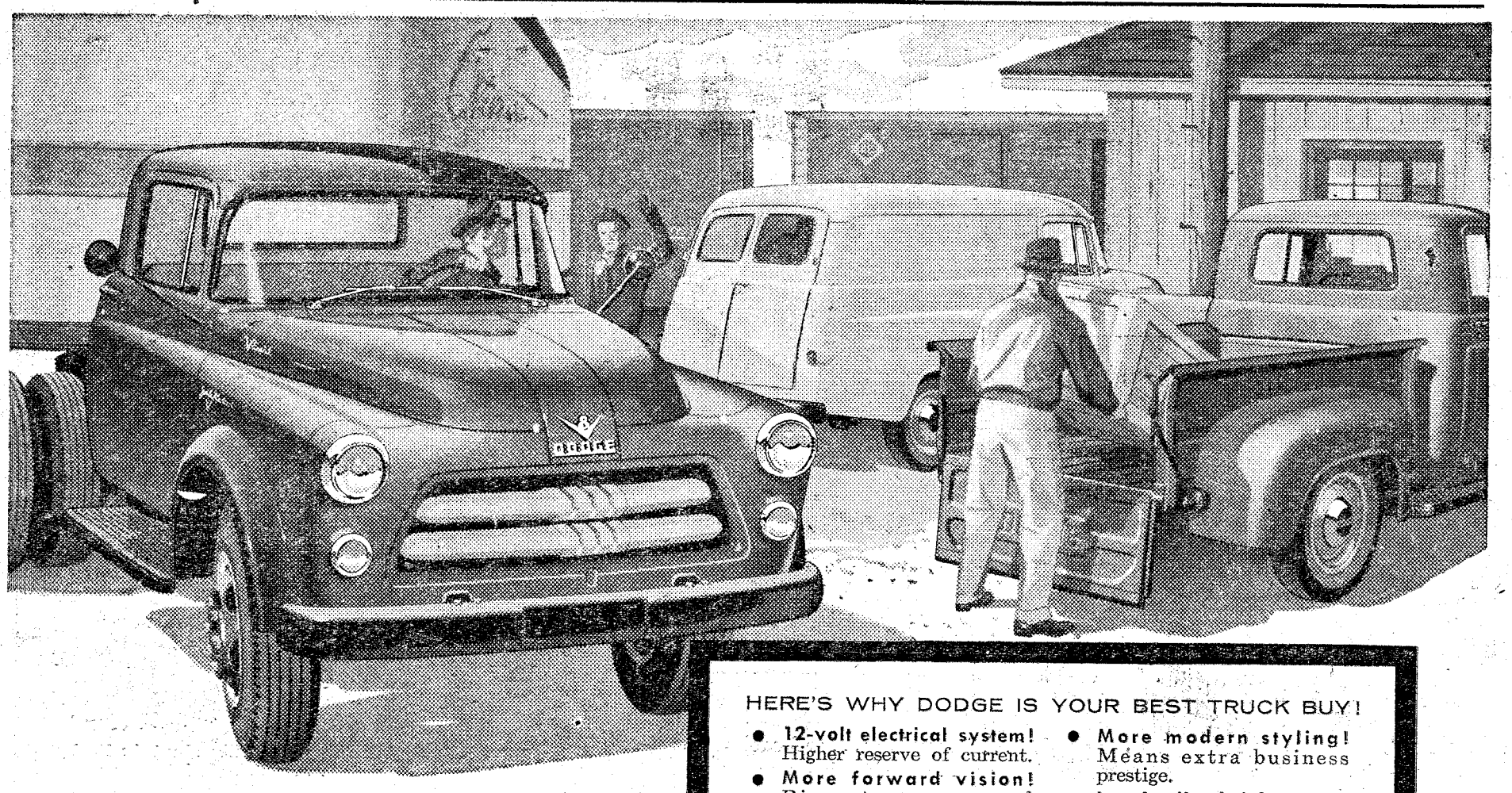

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Caslan

The Ladies' Orthodox Club held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolansky on Feb. 4. Thirteen members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cherniwchan are the parents of a son, Kenneth Evan, at the Lac la Biche Hospital, Feb. 2.

John Betzilny of Thorhild, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. Cislo, recently.

Beverly Wolansky was a patient at the Lac la Biche Hospital.

Only for dogs were vaccinated against rabies in Caslan last week.

Mr. Mercier of Edmonton, formerly of Bonnyville, was in Caslan on business.

W. Krawchuk is recuperating at home, after his operation in the Lac la Biche Hospital.

P. Benuik was the speaker at a meeting in the Caslan School last Wednesday evening. Mr. Benuik is a nominee for divisional trustee in the Lac la Biche School Division.

The School Children's Club sponsored the dance at the Caslan School last Friday evening.

V. Boucher has moved to Noral to work on the section. P. Drobowni is to take his place at Caslan until a new man arrives.

E. W. Meyer has returned home after spending over two months in the States, visiting relatives in Arizona and Texas. He also made a trip into Mexico. He travelled T.C.A. to and from Canada.

J. Krumpic was a recent visitor to Lac la Biche.

Mike Sawka recently went to Edmonton for medical attention.

Bill Geblak, a sectionman at Boyle, visited his family for the week-end.

Frains

Miss Olga Nahrabinchyk is working at Lamont Hospital.

Jim Rozak and John Nahrabinchyk have gone to Uranium City to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schwetz from Waskateanu were visiting relatives in the district.

Miss Mary Kachur was in the city to do some shopping.

Rich Lake

Mrs. E. N. Tikkanen has returned from a 10-day visit to Edmonton.

Earl Whalen's school bus broke down and the Helina pupils missed two days of school.

Mr. Mulyk, school principal, is collecting Ogilvie Play Money for the purchase of a school radio. School broadcasts prove helpful in a school of approximately 80 pupils.

Several from Rich Lake attended the Jan. 27 dance at Craigend.

The Tom Waine family motored to Lac la Biche on Saturday with the L. Kumpula family, to see the show.

Mrs. J. Ross spent Feb. 1 with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Max Stevens, on the occasion of the latter's birthday.

The Students Union held a successful dance at Rich Lake school on Feb. 3.

A new order of school sweaters and crests have arrived for the Junior High students.

Mrs. Rhoda Tricker is at Cold Lake, cooking at the Air Force station.

Eileen Onciul was in St. Catherine's hospital, Lac la Biche, for three days.

Mrs. Roy Whitford entertained on Feb. 7 on the occasion of Hans Osberg's 80th birthday.

Owl River

Mr. and Mrs. D. Sykes were host and hostess at an enjoyable dinner and theatre party in honor of Mary Ray Diesel, on her birthday. Mary's husband, L. T. Diesel and Joe Johnston also attended the party.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pozer have been ill.

Buster Cardinal and family visited the Max Diesel home last week.

Cats and dogs were vaccinated at Owl River School No. 2, on Feb. 8, by the District Agriculturist, J. S. Lore and a veterinarian. The children are to be commended for bringing their pets and managing them so well.

Alex Laroque and family spent several days visiting at Mile 137, recently.

Miss Evaline Cardinal was an over-night guest recently of Agnes and Florence Viellette.

John Scaropin, secretary-treasurer of the local F.U.A. here, is away at present and will not be present at the next meeting.

Craigend

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kupchanko on Feb. 5, the event being a bridal shower for their daughter Evelyn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and family of Briereville have moved to Lac la Biche. Mr. Anderson is to be employed there.

Peter Burdek recently made a business trip to Edmonton.

Mrs. George Danyluk has spent a few days in hospital.

Johnny Grigorovich and Edward Noviski, who are employed at Uranium City, Saskatchewan, are back home for a while.

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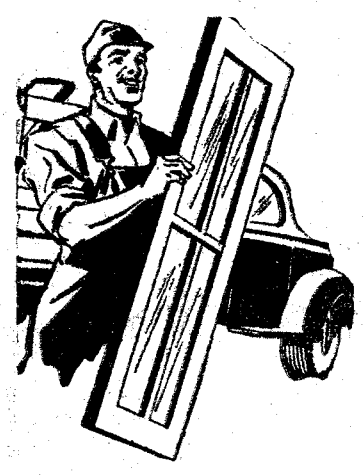

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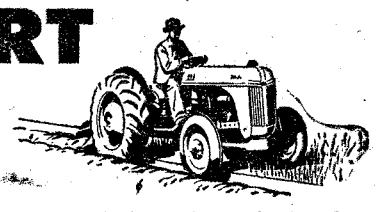

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Atmore

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kanzig was christened in Holy Trinity church, Grassland, Sunday, Feb. 5. Godparents were Mrs. Elizabeth Isaac and Stan Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edmonton and sons were week-end guests at the L. Dakin home.

The annual meeting of the Atmore Community club was held last Saturday. In spite of adverse weather conditions, a small group gathered to discuss business at hand. The 1956 slate of officers are as follows: president, J. Duigou; secretary-treasurer, V. F. Genoux; directors, R. Matheson, Oscar Dakin, E. Boudreau.

Edeus Bourassa is working in K. MacDonald's lumber camp.

Jack Campbell was home for a few days with his family, returning Wednesday to the R. H. Pollock lumber camp.

Several Atmore parents were present at the PTA meeting held in Plamondon last Tuesday evening. Films were shown on the "Health of the School Child."

The inter-provincial accountants have relieved many farmers of the district from their annual "headache" in computing their income tax. The accountants were very busy the past week doing this work in their temporary office at the Atmore Hotel.

Oscar Dakin spent a few days in Edmonton receiving medical attention.

Wandering River

The Wandering River High School students are now the proud owners of new school sweaters. They are royal blue with white and gold trimmings. An additional order will soon be made for the Grade 9 pupils.

The Pollock Mills, 40 miles north of Wandering River, is the scene of 24 hours a day sawing operations. They employ two shifts of workers in their day and night work.

Orest Beraska is back home after being employed at Imperial Mills.

The community has enjoyed a fairly mild week, with temperatures reaching the melting point. The roads have also become icy, due to the mild weather and heavy traffic of lumber trucks.

Rev. Greene of Lac la Biche is holding religious instruction classes every Friday afternoon at Wandering River School.

John Strayski of Vilna was a recent visitor to Wandering River, spending a day with his brother, Nick Strayski.

Nick Fedorchuk's 48-passenger school bus is back from the garage, after being repaired. It has replaced the smaller bus on the Sunview-Parent route.

Nick Antoniuk is a patient in an Edmonton hospital.

Theresa Dupepron is in hospital at Lac la Biche.

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Berny

Veric Menard and Urban Gauthier went to Edmonton on business recently.

Miss Laurette Menard is now working in the St. Catherine's Hospital in Lac la Biche.

The "Cat" that was working some roads are still blocked.

Lac la Biche Weather

Feb.	Max.	Min.
4	31.8	20.3
5	36.0	21.0
6	33.4	23.3
7	34.3	26.7
8	41.1	20.3
9	40.3	25.0
10	36.9	14.9

Precipitation: .37.

Kikino

Peter Kortium and his brother-in-law motored to Edmonton for the week-end.

Innis Gardiner and son, Pete, visited Edmonton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ladouceur's little boy underwent surgery in the Lac la Biche Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson went to Goodfish Lake last week.

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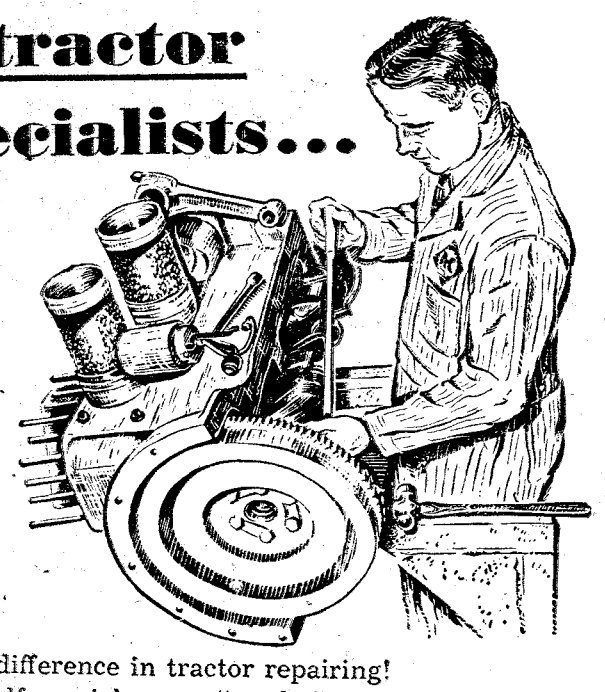

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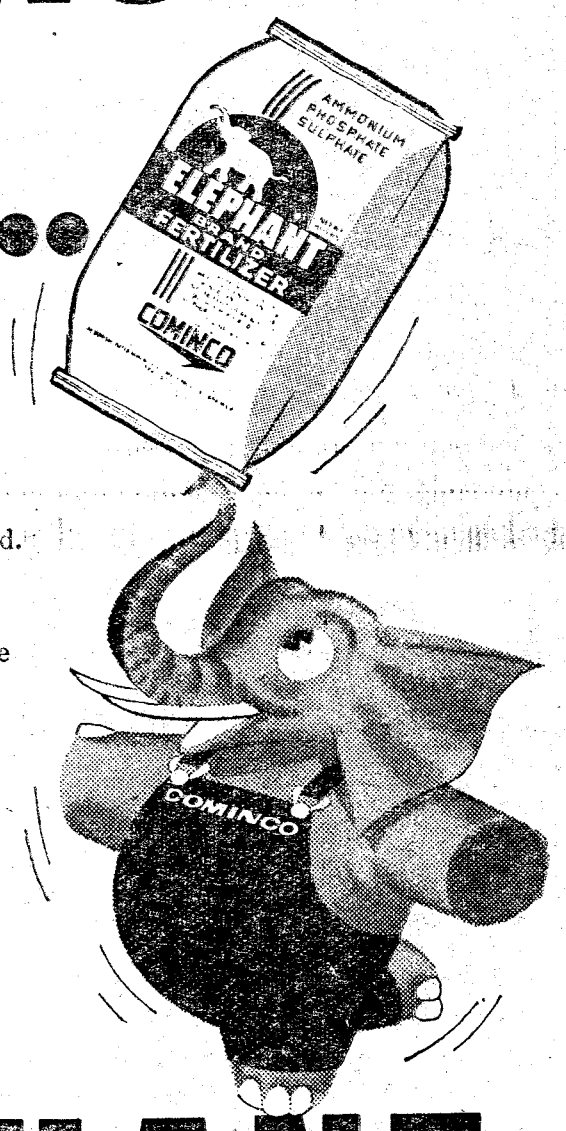

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Revealing Facts on Elevator Shortage . . .

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ing into town from three directions and vastly improved side roads feeding the main arteries, we are still faced with the old hide-bound argument, **"insufficient grain,"**. The truth is that our improved roads have drained from our natural market point, Lac la Biche, to other towns such as Boyle, Mallaig, Ashmont, Vilna. Competition of the choice of 15 elevators against the one at this place assures farmers using outside points of ample storage space, quicker delivery and consequent better grade and price.

While I farmed at McRae, Spedden being another one-elevator town, most of the thirty farmers there sold their grain to Ashmont and Vilna in preference to their own nearer elevator town. Better grading paid the extra cost of additional mileage and most important of all, were assured of ample space to place their grain in its proper category.

It is time that farmer organizations in every district and the business men of the town get together to assemble facts and evidence in support of their claim for better service in their own town, instead of contributing to the growth of other towns and paying the cost of extra truck service and taxation to support roads to do so. This town has every facility to supply farmers' needs at prices comparable to any town where delivery of our grain is now being made.

A farmer-owned grain company has built two elevators in a town that is a heavy competitor for Lac la Biche grain, yet this organization claims they are in business for the sole benefit of the farmers' best interests. A few pertinent questions in this regard might furnish a fine topic for debate or explanation, while a thousand farmers in this locality have been demanding such a service for years.

Wandering River grain production will reach 200,000 bushels, sell 90 percent of their grain to Boyle, where competitive buying assures a better deal, though their land, road and school assessments are centrally located from Lac la Biche, their buying is largely done in the latter place.

The same applies to Rich Lake and Helena, who sell to Mallaig where three elevators compete for their grain despite the fact that up to last year, their best road was to Lac la Miche. When the road is gravelled from Goose Lake to the Maine road at Rich Lake, we will also lose this district to Mallaig. Truck distance means a little more than a cent or two extra charge, amply covered by a better deal, where more elevators compete for the trade.

An elevator is the first building, noticeable to any stranger. The fact that this is a one-elevator town, brands the districts surrounding the territory, as non-producive farm land, which is far from the truth. The bottle-neck in grain marketing over the years has forced farmers into diversified farming, feeding stock, cattle and hogs. The growing of legume crops, when prices for seed were very good, has proved to be profitable, in spite of low seed prices today. The vast improvement in land fertility by the use of these crops, when seeded back to grain, has proved to the farmer that even the gray wooded soils can produce a good grade of grain. The average age of farm owners is between fifty and sixty years. Young people from the farms are crowding the labor fields as well as the professions. Few young people are satisfied or look to farming as a future.

Feeding hogs and hauling feed for cattle requires young, vigorous help. Remuneration for farm help cannot compete against the poorest construction job or manufacturing development now available in Alberta. Elderly farmers will be forced back into straight grain production.

My own investigations, within its limited scope, convinces me that there is an immediate need for more elevators. Two will help, but a third is certain, once competitive buying bosts grain deliveries back to their natural channels and proves itself as it has done in other towns, where there is more than one elevator. No other town with five times the elevator service can furnish the trade facilities that this town can boast. Recreation and entertainment, Church, hospital and medical accomodation that is second to none.

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M.D. OF ATHABASCA No. 103

Annual Report of

The Agricultural Service Board

The Field Supervisor's time from January to June was spent almost exclusively on the job of securing grain seed for the farmers. It was found that very little seed was available in our own district. Grain that was presumed fit for seed did not germinate. Seed had to be found elsewhere. To make a bad situation worse, following an almost complete crop failure in 1954, many farmers were unable to finance the purchase of seed. Your M.D. council passed the necessary by-law, authorizing the borrowing of money under special order-in-council. Meetings were held throughout the district. Approximately 400 farmers were interviewed; of these, 200 found it necessary to borrow. Approximately $40,000.00 worth of seed orders were issued, and 60 000 bushels of seed grain was secured and distributed.

June to September is mainly occupied with weed control. After the extreme wet year of 1954, a lot of farm land was not in good shape for cropping; at the same time it was realized that fields lying idle for 2 or 3 years was not a paying proposition. Many farmers seeded land that had been summerfallowed for 2 years, but due to the rains, had not had the required cultivation to kill the weeds. Then 2-4-W was depended on to complete the job. We have 400 sprayers in the M.D., but they could not all be put to use. Approximately 15,000 acres were sprayed in 1955, 5,000 in 1954, and 100,000 acres in 1953. This proves that spraying is only a help in controlling weeds.

Tartary buckwheat is found to be spreading in spite of our warnings. Toad flax, on the other hand, is on the decrease. Under a special three-way agreement, two tons of sodium chlorate was distributed. Leafy Spurge on two farms is under close observation.

Approximately 200 farm calls were made in connection with weed control. Three farms are under reclamation, and one farm under supervision. These farms are showing satisfactory improvement. 455 acres are condemned for seeding in 1956. In the latter part of July, corn leaf aphids invaded the M.D. Fortunately the bulk of the barley was headed and the infestation was on a limited scale.

The Agricultural Service Board had Malathion for sale, with the result that the loss from aphids was reduced. In another case, "Aldrin" was made available to check a serious infestation of sweet clover weevil.

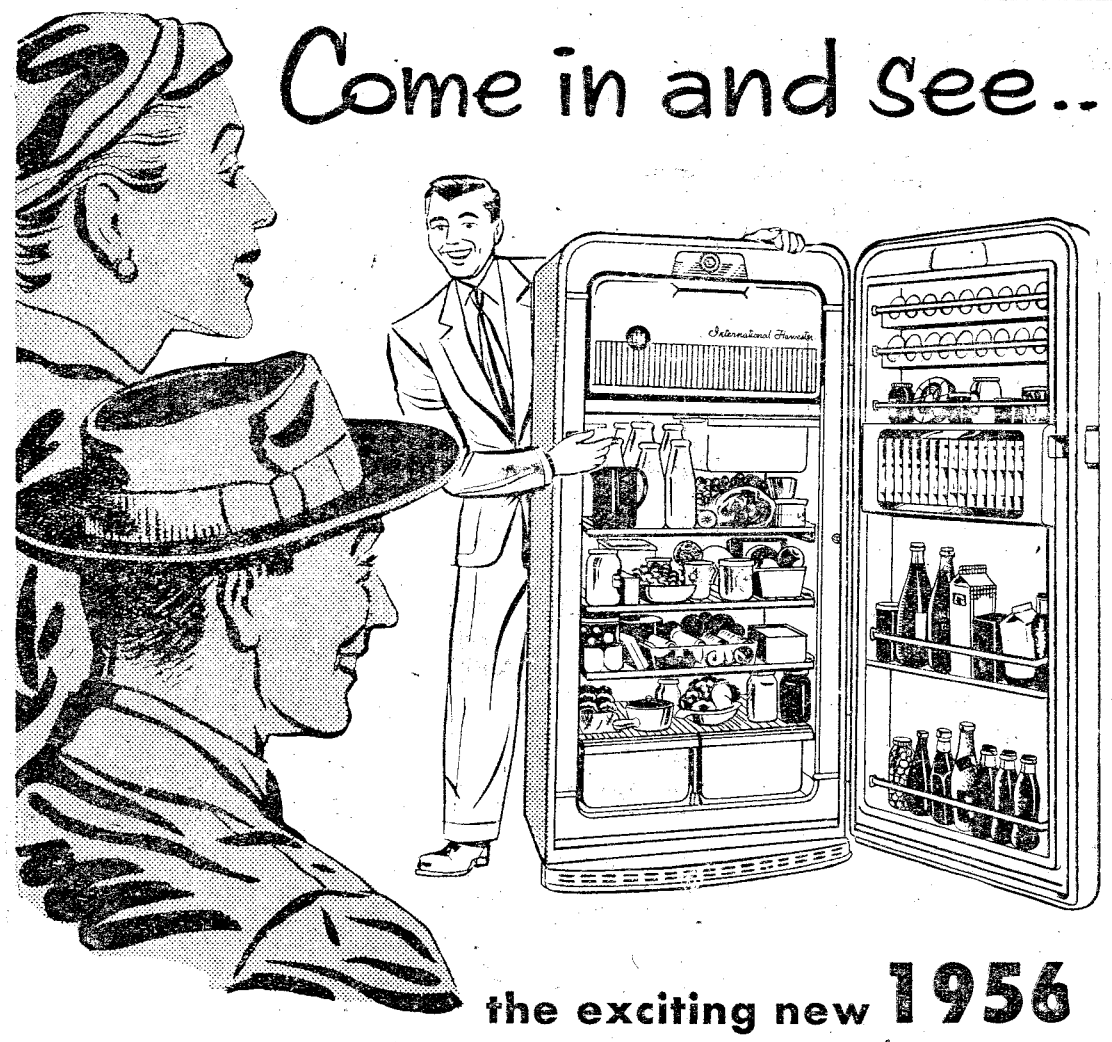
From September on, the bulk of the work had to do with Bang's vaccination, coyote control, dog vaccination and T.B. testing. The delayed harvest, followed by an exceedingly cold winter, hampered the vaccination for Bang's, but the work should be finished by February 15th. Approximately 2,000 heifers are vaccinated yearly.

Four cases of rabies were reported positive in 1955. 6,000 poison pellets were distributed to 150 farmers. 43 Cyanide guns and 213 shells to 17 farmers. Poison pellets and shells for the Cyanide guns are all prepared by the Field Supervisor. One thousand dogs were vaccinated at 52 points in the municipal district.

The T.B. testing is completed. Approximately 18,000 head of cattle were tested in the M.D.

Further work has been done in connection with the stabilizing of the level of Flat Lake, under the Drainage Ditches Act.
The Agricultural Service Board held six meetings in 1955.
I am greatly appreciative of the friendly co-operation extended at all times by the Department of Agriculture officials, the District Agriculturist in particular. Sincere thanks also goes to the office staff at Meanook, to the members of the council, and particularly to Mr. Breckenridge, who assisted so often in the taking of applications for seed loans.

Respectfully submitted,
HANS ARMFELT, Field Supervisor.



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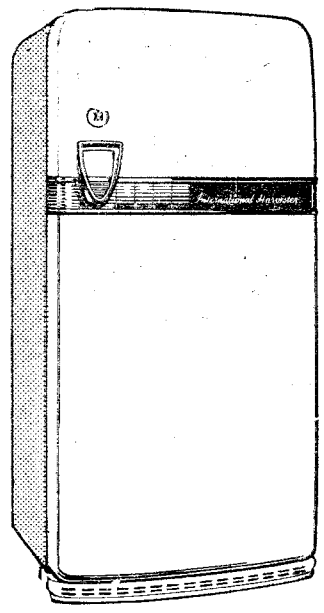

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Snow Plowing, Municipal Paper To Be Discussed Saturday

The Municipal District of Athabasca will hold the annual meeting of ratepayers on Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Meanook Community Hall. The meeting will start sharp at 1:00 p.m. and nominations will be called at 3:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. Returning officer handling nominations will be B. C. Hart.

Divisions in which elections are due this year are No. 3, now held by Councillor Aloisio, and No. 6, now held by Councillor Dirko. Mr. Aloisio will run again this year, whil Mr. Dirko will not.

Unless the vacant seats are filled by acclamation the election will be held Saturday, March 17.

Important Items of municipal business likely to be brought up for discussion at the meeting include municipal newspapers, and cost of snow-plowing.

Secretary-treasurer of the M.D. of Athabasca is S. C. Ward and A. Aloisio of Div. 3 is Reeve.

C. of C. President Visits West

EDMONTON (BUP) – National president of the Canadian Junior Chamber of Commerce, Ross Smyth of Montreal, visited Edmonton recently on a tour of western Canada.

Following a meeting of all regional executives for Alberta in Edmonton, Smyth will leave to continue his tour visiting at Lloydminster, St. Paul, Grande Prairie, Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.

Upon his return to Edmonton, he addressed a dinner meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lynx Caught

TAWATINAW — The Miller brothers caught a lynx in their trap. It weighed close to 36 pounds. Lynx tracks have been seen quite frequently in this district.

Lac la Biche

Donald Lett is opening the Lett New and Second Hand Store in the near future.

Mrs. Arthur Bourassa has gone to Saskatchewan to visit her daughter, Emelda, who resides near Lloydminster.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Badry's new home on Promenade Avenue, is nearing completion and they will be taking up residence there in the near future.

Knud Rein Boeti, who is employed by the Hudson's Bay Store, is in Edmonton on business this week.

Mrs. W. Coast has returned home from St. Catherine's Hospital.

Lawrence Anderson and Miss Grenier of Athore, were married last Tuesday. Mr. Anderson is an employee of Scott's Trucking Co.

Carl Birks, a former resident of Lac la Biche, who is at present employed by the Imperial Bank at Jasper, is here to attend the wedding of Gordon Richard.

Miss Irene Therien has returned to her work as waitress in Joe-s Lunch Room.

The Forestry Department has resumed work on the road north of here, which was started last summer.

J. S. Lore, district agriculturist, accompanied by a veterinarian, has visited many outlying communities in the past week. They vaccinated a large number of cats and dogs against rabies.

Grassland

Many of the young people from the district attended a shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Omelchuk on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were presented with a beautiful set of silverware.

In spite of the warm weather, many of the local roads are again blocked and school vans are having difficulty in getting through.

Mrs. Charlotte Rogne has recently had her house wired for electricity.

Mrs. Muriel Derousseau and baby are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Guy, in order to baby, who has been seriously ill obtain medical treatment for the for some time.

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Lac la Biche School Division, No. 51

Election in Subdivision No. 2

TAKE NOTICE that for the purpose of the Election of a Trustee for Subdivision No. 2, of the School Division No. 51, a poll will be held in each of the School Districts listed below on the 18th day of February, 1956, from 2 o'clock p.m. to 4 o'clock p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
FROG LAKE	Rich Lake School
NORMANDEAU	Normandeau School
IRENE	Irene School
MANGIN	Mangin School
GRANDIN	Craigend School
BRIERVILLE	Craigend School
CRAIGEND	Craigend School
HYLO	Hylo School
VENICE	Venice Hall
RICH LAKE	Rich Lake School
ROCKY ISLAND	Rich Lake School
CHRISTIE CREEK	Craigend School
HELINA	Rich Lake School
NORAL	Noral School
CASLAN	Caslan School
SOUTH NORAL	Caslan School
BIRCH GROVE	Craigend School
NELSON	Venice Hall
BEAVER BLUFF	Caslan School
HELLERUD	Rich Lake School

February 3, 1956.

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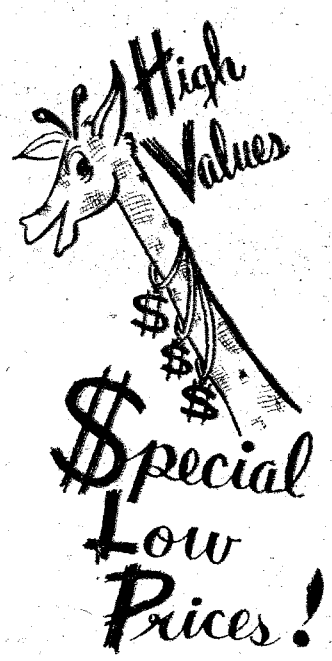

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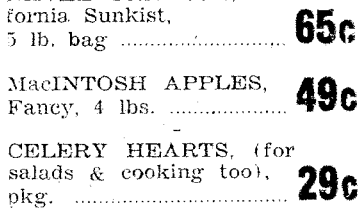
APRICOT JAM, Red & White, 48 oz. tin 89c
PLUM JAM, Red & White, 2 lb. tin 37c
ORANGE MARMALADE, Red & White, 48 oz., Tin 65c

SPLENDOR MACARONI, Spaghetti, Vermicelli ..... 5 lb. box 59c
BISCUITS, Weston's Assorted Variety, 16 oz. ..... 2 pkts. 69c
RICE KRISPIES, Kellogg's, 9½ oz. pkg. 28c
TEA BAGS, Red & White, 65's, pkg. 79c
COFFEE, Red & White, 1-lb. bag ... $1.05
VEL LIQUID DETERGENT (introductory offer) 12-oz. tin 43c

Fish and Cheese
Brunswick Sardines .. 5 tins 49c
Pink Seal Pink Salmon, 1-lb. tin 49c
Meat Spreads Cordon Bleu, asst. 3 oz. ..... 3 tins 35c
Ingersoll Baby Roll Cheese, 1-lb. pkg. 52c
Ingersoll Cheese Spread, 16-oz. jar 65c

Canned Goods
PINEAPPLE JUICE
Stokeley's, Fcy, 48 oz., 3 tins 99c
BEANS and PORK
Red & White, 15 oz., 6 tins 79c
TOMATOES
Red & White, Choice 28 oz., 2 tins 55c
SPAGHETTI
Red & White, in tomato sauce, 15 oz., 2 tins.. 35c
FRUIT COCKTAIL
Hunt's, 15 oz., 2 tins 57c
APRICOTS
Red & White, Choice. 15. oz., 2 tins 49c
MAPLE SYRUP
Groves, glass, 16 oz., Bottle 69c

Fruits and Vegetables



NAVEL ORANGES, California Sunkist, 5 lb. bag 65c
MacINTOSH APPLES, Fancy, 4 lbs. 49c
CELERY HEARTS, (for salads & cooking too), pkg. 29c
ONIONS, 5 lb. mesh bag 49c
GRAPES, California Emperor, 2 lbs. 35c
POTATOES, Sweet, 2 lbs. 29c

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